

I-5 – South 317th Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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Construction Update

Crews have set up an on-site crusher plant just south of the S. 320th exit and are crushing the old southbound I-5 pavement to use as a base under the new pavement.

Workers installed guardrail by one of the new detention ponds on the east side of I-5. They're working hard installing drainage on both southbound shoulders and preparing the southbound lanes for new pavement.

Crews also continue excavating and shoring up the area where they'll build the second bridge support, building the retaining wall north of the first bridge support, and working on the permanent electrical system.

To view construction photos, visit
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess/photos.

First Direct Access Ramp in Washington Open

Federal Way's new ramp is one of nine direct access ramps planned throughout the region by Sound Transit. Last week Sound Transit and WSDOT opened the first direct access ramp in Washington state in Lynnwood. Washington's second direct access ramp is scheduled to open in Bellevue in mid-December.

As part of Sound Transit's regional mass transit system, the direct access ramps improve travel times for buses, carpools and vanpools. This network of ramps also improves flow for other lanes of traffic by eliminating the need for buses and other high occupancy vehicles to weave through traffic to get from the carpool lane to exit ramps.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

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